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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS  
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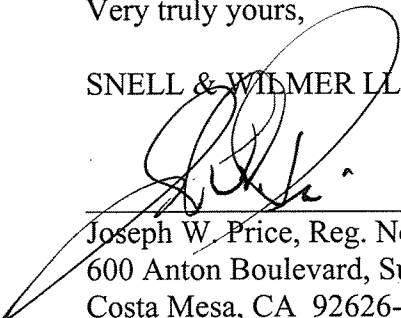
In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC 371 mailed 4/26/2007, enclosed is the executed oath for filing in the above-identified case. Also, attached is a copy of the 371 Formalities Letter.

Please charge the surcharge of \$130.00 for late filing of this oath to our deposit account No. 19-2814.

If there are any questions with regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned attorney.

Very truly yours,

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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
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or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

#### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

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